# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 18 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 19 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 17 Mar 2021 at 14:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for mostly dry, settled weather for the rest of this week and over the weekend. Lower confidence on day to day cloud detail.

**Headline for Thursday 18 Mar 2021:** Mist, low cloud and patchy drizzle persisting all day over hills near west coast and also over north of area. Sunny spells well inland.

**Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 Mar 2021**

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|---|---|---|
| **Blizzards**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy Snow**<br>No Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>No Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>No Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>Medium Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>Low Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | | | |
| 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| Cloudy | Cloudy | Cloudy | Cloudy | Sunny intervals | Sunny intervals | Cloudy | Cloudy |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | | | |
| 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 10% |

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**Weather:** Extensive mist and low cloud shrouding many ranges at first, lingering all day over hills towards West Coast and also up towards Ben Hope. Brighter conditions developing well inland with best of the sunshine over hills towards the Great Glen.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** Little chance towards west coast. Improving 60% in east of area during morning.

**Visibility:** Misty conditions with extensive cloud cover well down the hills, especially in the west. Visibility becoming generally good well inland during morning with clouds lifting and breaking up.

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**Forecast for Thursday 18 Mar 2021**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) | | | | | Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 13/17 W | 15/19 W | 16/21 W | 18/24 NW | 17/23 NW | 19/26 NW | 19/25 NW | 19/25 N | 17/22 N |
| **900** | 12/16 W | 13/18 W | 14/19 W | 16/23 NW | 16/22 NW | 17/24 NW | 18/24 NW | 17/23 N | 15/20 N |
| **600** | 9/13 W | 10/14 W | 10/15 W | 13/18 NW | 13/19 NW | 13/20 NW | 13/19 N | 12/18 N | 11/16 N |
| **300** | 3/15 NW | 3/17 NW | 2/16 NW | 5/20 NW | 4/20 NW | 6/22 NW | 6/23 NW | 5/21 N | 4/19 N |
| **Glen** | 2/6 W | 3/8 W | 3/9 W | 5/11 NW | 6/13 NW | 6/14 NW | 7/16 N | 6/15 N | 6/16 N |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 2/-2 | 2/-2 | 2/-2 | 3/-3 | 3/-3 | 3/-2 | 2/-3 | 2/-4 | 2/-4 |
| **900** | 3/-1 | 3/-1 | 3/-2 | 3/-2 | 3/-2 | 4/-2 | 3/-2 | 2/-3 | 2/-2 |
| **600** | 5/1 | 5/1 | 5/1 | 5/1 | 5/1 | 5/1 | 5/0 | 4/-0 | 4/0 |
| **300** | 6/5 | 6/4 | 6/4 | 6/4 | 6/5 | 6/5 | 6/3 | 5/3 | 5/4 |
| **Glen** | 7/7 | 8/6 | 7/7 | 8/7 | 8/7 | 8/7 | 8/6 | 7/6 | 7/6 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 2000m | 1900m | 1700m | 1600m | 1700m | 1700m | 1800m | 1800m | 1800m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Still feeling cold on the tops with fresh winds and temperatures of 3 or 4 Celsius.

**Forecast for Friday 19 Mar 2021**
**Weather:** Mainly dry and rather cloudy with extensive mist and low cloud over the north Highlands giving a little drizzle. Dry from Knoydart across to Great Glen with sunny spells developing.

**Maximum wind:** Northerly winds with average speeds of 15 to 20mph.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 50%, mainly in south of area.

**Visibility:** Generally misty conditions over north Highlands with patches of poor visibility and clouds well down the hills. The visibility improving good further south with clouds lifting and breaking up.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Plus 3 Celsius.
**Freezing level:** Above the tops.

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